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## By a Close Vote, Council Opts For Even-year Future Elections

by Thomas X. White

The regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on May 26 was long and lively. The council chamber was already pretty full when the meeting started, just about on time, with additional visitors continuing to arrive.

It was soon apparent that what brought most out was the agenda item listed as “Other Business” – city council report on voting system issues. This would be the first time that councilmembers would be publicly taking positions on a range of proposed changes to how and when the city conducts its elections for city council.

The tension surrounding this issue had been building for over a year, following a February 2008 letter from the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland (ACLU) and the Prince George’s County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) alleging that the existing at-large system of electing the five-member Greenbelt City Council was unfair to minority candidates and suggesting that if the system were not changed, the ACLU and the NAACP may challenge it in court.

Since receiving that letter,

city staff and council have spent a great deal of time and money dealing with the challenge to the Greenbelt electoral system used here for nearly 72 years. Many earlier discussions by council on the subject have taken place behind closed doors on the advice of legal counsel, due to the threat of litigation.

Subsequently, however, council began a series of nine public meetings on the matter and during the course of the year issued two public statements, one on January 26, the other on April 13. These statements identified items meriting consideration and further discussion. In the April 13 statement council announced they would be discussing the voting system issue publicly at this meeting. Mayor Judith Davis introduced the topic by noting that citizens would be hearing councilmembers’ individual opinions for the first time and that there was no unanimity on several issues identified for discussion.

### Three Categories

Agenda comments for the May 26 meeting outlined three categories of suggested changes in the electoral process on which council would be offering opinions. Following the council statements or opinions on the particular

item, those attending the meeting would be recognized to address council.

The three categories of changes were listed in the Agenda Comments as:

1. Council agrees that more voter outreach and education efforts would be valuable and could increase participation in council elections. These could include, but not be limited to, a new resident welcome package, increased publicity in local newspapers including non-English papers and homeowner/civic association newsletters, banners in all sections of town, more candidate forums, increasing group-sponsored voter registration drives and additional notifications, such as a brochure on voting sent to each household.

2. Council also agrees with taking steps to allow for early voting as a means of increasing citizen participation in city elections, including a possible charter amendment to allow early voting by machine and to expand absentee voting procedures.

3. Two proposals – moving the election date to coincide with federal and state elections and expanding the size of council from five to seven were not supported by all members of council and were dealt with separately at the meeting.

### Outreach

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, first to speak on outreach to voters, noted that changes being considered by council were based on public testimony of only about 100 citizens who had spoken at the nine public meetings. He called for more citizen input, including non-binding ballots on the several issues in the November 2009 election.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that more public outreach is a key issue and favored all items listed that would increase voter participation. Concurring, Councilmember Konrad Herling

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## Legal Procedures for Charter Amendment Are Explained

by James Giese

Under Maryland law residents of a municipality generally have little direct voice in the governing of the city other than in electing the city’s governing body. However, Section 12 and subsequent sections of Article 23A of the Uniform Code of Maryland permit municipal citizens either to initiate a municipal charter amendment or to petition a council-initiated charter amendment to referendum if a petition is duly signed by 20 percent of the registered voters within the municipality.

In addition, the Greenbelt City Charter requires all ordinances authorizing the issuance of bonds to be first approved by voters at referendum. At its discretion, the city council may place a matter before the voters at referendum.

Passage of a charter amendment initially follows the procedure set forth for the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. Normally this requires the introduction and first reading of an amendment at one regular council meeting and consideration and passage at the next regular meeting. The vote of a majority of the members of council

is required for adoption, which, in Greenbelt, is a favorable vote by three of the five councilmembers.

However, while normal ordinances and resolutions become law after 10 days or as otherwise provided, more is required of charter amendments. First, a complete and exact copy of the text of the approved charter amendment must be posted in the town hall (municipal building) for a period of 40 days following adoption. Second, a fair summary of the proposed amendment must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation not less than four times, at weekly intervals, within a period of at least 40 days starting immediately after the date of adoption of the resolution. On the 50th day following passage, the amendment becomes effective unless petitioned to referendum.

### Petition

Such a petition must be submitted on or before the 40th day after passage of the charter amendment by either presenting it to the city council or by mailing

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PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Junior Air Force ROTC presents the colors at the Memorial Day observance.

## Memorial Day Ceremony Draws a Larger Crowd

by Carol Griffith

A few things were different this year from previous Greenbelt Memorial Day celebrations held at the Veterans’ Memorial between the Roosevelt Center and Crescent Road.

The stage from which the speeches were given was strategically placed to be visible to more attendees. With many thanks to Girl Scout Troops 5004 and 1734, the Veterans’ Memorial and surrounding area had been cleaned up, replanted and landscaped. The Public Works Department assisted the scouts with their service project by re-finishing the concrete platform and adding stone steps leading in from the righthand side.

But, more importantly, the added participation of the Girl Scout troops and Boy Scout Troop 746 and their families added a welcome intergenerational feel to a ceremony attended in other years mainly by older veterans and their families.

Kathleen Linkenhoker, commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, greeted the nearly 200 people who had gathered on the morning of Monday, May 25 to honor and remember the nation’s deceased servicemen and servicewomen. Post 136 sponsored and hosted the Memorial Day ceremony, which began

See **CEREMONY**, page 11

## Memorial Day Is Celebrated In Style by Legion Post #136

by Rick Ransom

The Greenbelt American Legion celebrated the Memorial Day weekend with three events. On Sunday morning members served breakfast at the Post home on Greenbelt Road to nearly 400 motorcyclists as they prepared to ride to the Mall in Washington, D.C., in support of “Rolling Thunder,” an annual parade of several thousand motorcycles from all over the country whose destination was war memorials in Washington, D.C., to honor and pay respects to those who have given their lives for the country.

The original purpose of “Rolling Thunder” was to memorialize those who served in Vietnam, as the parade itself ends at the Vietnam Memorial. Now it has expanded to honor all who have served or are serving today. All types of motorcycles could be seen in the parking area of the Legion, although most were Harley Davidsons. Some had flags from small to very large waving from the back. One displayed four large flags: one for those Missing-in-Action or Prisoners of War (MIA/POW), two flags commemorating service in Vietnam and the American flag. Some

bikers were dressed in full regalia with vests or jackets that contained various patches and pins. For many participants, it was a return visit to celebrate this yearly event.

At 8:30 a.m., following the breakfast, the vehicles filed onto Greenbelt Road in pairs to ride behind a Park Police escort. After a U-turn on Greenbelt Road, the motorcyclists paraded up to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. At one point, the line of motorcycles stretched from the Riverdale exit on the Parkway back to the Greenbelt entry ramp and onto Greenbelt Road.

### Cookout

After the parade many of the participants returned to the Legion for the yearly cookout on the lawn with DJ Rockin’ Ronnie providing music.

### Memorial Service

On Monday morning the American Legion hosted a formal service at the Greenbelt Veterans’ Memorial in Roosevelt Center. (See the separate article describing the ceremony above.)

After the ceremony a luncheon for all participants was served in the American Legion Hall.



# Letters to the Editor

## Special Olympics Is Janus Tribute

The Prince George’s County Special Olympics were held on May 7. After several days of rain and canceling the event on May 6, it was decided to go for it at the Sports & Learning Complex in Landover on May 7. The athletes, parents, teachers, buddies and volunteers were excited to be there even though it meant enduring some rain to watch these athletes compete. And, as the program emphasizes, everyone is a winner!

Long time Greenbelt resident Bob Janus, educator, coach, mentor and definitely friend of the Prince George’s Special Olympics who recently retired from the program, was honored as the Honorary Head Coach and the games were called the “Bob Janus Spring Games” and will be from here on. He has been involved since 1968 as a motor development supervisor who organized and accompanied a team of athletes from Prince George’s County to Soldiers Field in Chicago for the first Special Olympics Summer Games. This was the birth of Special Olympics in Maryland and Prince George’s County.

These games continue to this day and plan to go on for a long time. Janus is a Special Olympics pioneer and was recognized at these games for all his outstanding work over the years. He inspires greatness to all the athletes and volunteers and leaves each with a most precious gift: Faith in the unlimited possibilities of the human spirit. He knows that everyone is a winner; and we would add, especially Janus. All of us want to thank Bob Janus for always being a part of the Prince George’s Special Olympics team.

Barbara Ransom  
Management Committee  
Special Olympics

## Uncertain Situation

Thank you for your recent comprehensive coverage of the uncertain New Deal Café situation.

As a long-time Greenbelt resident who, over the years, has enjoyed visiting the Café in its several incarnations – first in the Community Center, then in its front-room operation in Roosevelt Center and most recently in its financially-troubled expanded version – I am disturbed by recent events concerning its abrupt closure.

I do not pretend to understand the financial or contractual deci-

sions that brought the Café to its current limbo status. But Chef Karim, to all appearances, breathed a welcome degree of efficiency and organization into a troubled establishment and I am shocked by his sudden dismissal from the restaurant he helped solidify. He took on a decidedly iffy business venture and, to all appearances, made it work.

What happens next is unclear. It’s hard to have a sense of New Deal optimism about the Café’s future at this point but I hope that Chef Karim can be brought back. I feel he is a necessary ingredient to its success.

Susan Gervasi

## \$8,000/Month Is Not “Reasonable”

There is only one real reason for the current financial situation of the New Deal Café. The Café Board of Directors came up with an unreasonable monthly sum that Chef Karim had to pay each month, not a “reasonable” sum, as their letter posted on the New Deal doors states. Do not think for a moment that if Generous Joes or Beijing had to pay \$8,000 each month on top of their operating expenses that they would still be in business. The owners of Beijing pay only half of that amount each month in rent.

The board claims that the additional amount Karim pays is the cooperative fee, not paying down debt, yet in their same letter they state that the monthly sum was determined based on the debt of the cooperative. In last week’s News Review, Bill Wilkerson says that it’s “not right” to say that Karim is paying down debt but then he goes on to say that the co-op has been using the fee to pay down debt! Am I the only one seeing a contradiction here? When we as members of GHI pay our monthly unit co-op fee, we get a lot in return, such as getting our plumbing and electric fixed for free. What does Karim get for his co-op fee? Does his landlord do anything for him? If there were no debt, would he still be having to pay a \$4,000 fee each month if it meant that the restaurant would have to close?

Wilkerson goes on to say that Karim came in to a “good situation, not just an empty space” and the board letter makes mention of the many privileges the New Deal Café has to offer. Now I love Greenbelt just as much as the next person but as a business owner it is a different story. Karim invested his life savings into a 60-year old space that needed major upgrades to

even operate as a full-scale restaurant in a small neighborhood which, although wonderful, is still a market where many people who don’t have much extra money live. Now a new chef can come in and simply take over. It doesn’t seem right.

The root of the economic problems of the Café came from a poor business decision to double the space without a market analysis to determine if that expense could be sustained by the current market. Does this sound familiar? Everyone likes to refer to the Café as the community living room, but think about this, when was the last time you spent any money in anyone’s living room? A full-scale restaurant needs much more to survive than a small volunteer-run Café. And a bar needs full-time paid staff.

At the heart of the whole economic issue with Roosevelt Center is the unfortunate reality that 90 percent of the space is owned by a private individual, not the city, who has no interest in the community, only making money – whether it’s a dollar store or a restaurant doesn’t matter. Look at all the empty space for lease in Roosevelt Center. The owner of Pleasant Touch Spa had to invest thousands of her own dollars to simply have a decent HVAC system. The city financed the movie theater to insure its survival. Why not buy out the whole center? Then “reasonable” sums could be negotiated, the property would be maintained and renters would have support for their businesses. It’s really the long-term economic health of Roosevelt Center at stake, not just the New Deal Café.

Kristin Fletcher

## Toothbrush Campaign Brings Big Smiles

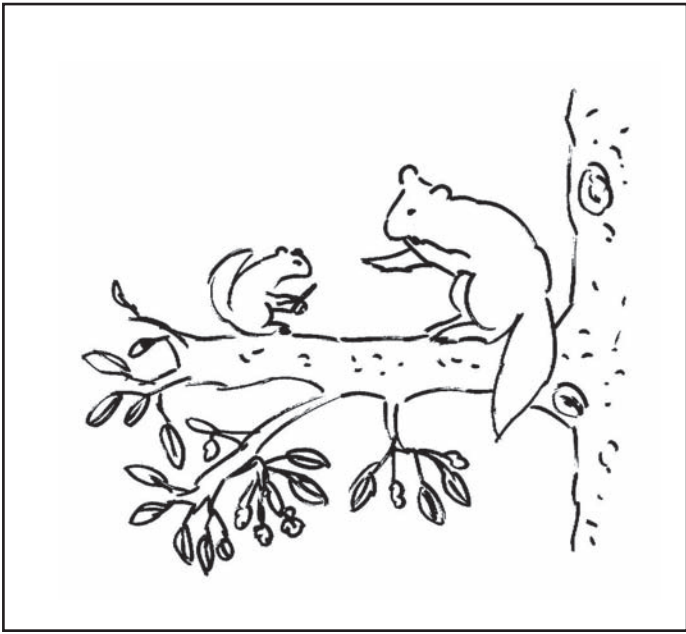
When I planned my toothbrush collection campaign, “Send a Smile to El Salvador,” my hope was that Greenbelters would contribute about 100 toothbrushes for the health cooperative in San Salvador that I visited in March. At the end of the day when I sat outside the Co-op Supermarket, I counted the toothbrushes that people put on my table. The total was 366! That was more than 3-1/2 times what I expected!

Clearly, Greenbelters’ generosity is amazingly abundant.

Special thanks goes to Bob Davis, general manager of the Co-op, and his supportive staff. Not only did they give me permission to set up my table for

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## Grin Belt



"Be careful what you are texting, son."

## On Screen

### Rising from the Ruins

Nia Vandalos, who won plaudits with “My Big Fat Greek Wedding,” stars as a troubled tourist guide in – where else? – Greece, in “My Life in Ruins.” The film opens Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Leading a mixed batch of visitors through historic sites, Nia (as Georgia) almost loses sight of the good-looking tour bus driver (Alexis Georgeoulis) before the film shifts gears. Richard Dreyfuss and Rachel Dratch also are in the cast.

Director Donald Petrie’s credits include “Mystic Pizza,” “Welcome to Mooseport” and “Grumpy Old Men.”

The film is rated PG-13 for sexual content; runtime is 98 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 8 through 12 include:

Monday – Orange juice, ham steak with fruit sauce, steamed cabbage, candied sweet potatoes, fresh apple.

Tuesday – Grape juice, Italian sausage on roll with green peppers and onions, penne pasta with tomato sauce, chopped collards, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – All sites closed for sanitation training.

Thursday – Apple juice, baked chicken with gravy, pinto beans, chopped spinach, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Orange juice, meatballs with tomato sauce, wheat spaghetti, California blend vegetables, canned peaches.

## GHI Notes

Sunday, June 7, 12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI Community-wide Open House – Roosevelt Center

Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Committee – Board Room

Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m., Marketing Committee – Board Room

Friday, June 12, Offices Closed

Sunday, June 14, noon to 4 p.m., House and Garden Tour

1 to 3 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices Workshop – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 10, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

### Bookids

Wednesday, June 10, 7 p.m., Bookids for ages 8 to 12.

The book is “The Library Card” by Jerry Spinelli. Ask for a copy at the library information desk.

### Teddy Bear Picnic

Thursday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. Join in for stories, activities and a teddy bear picnic. Bring a favorite teddy bear or another stuffed animal.

## NARFE Luncheon Is At American Legion

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will hold a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at noon at American Legion Greenbelt Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. For cost and menu information, call Warren Wilcox at 301-345-7437 by Monday, June 8.

## CCRIC Has Annual Meeting on June 10

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold its annual membership meeting on June 10 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Guest speaker Carter McCamy of Environmental Quality Resources, LLC will present his “Indian Creek Study within the Beltsville Industrial Park” outlining an analysis of the Indian Creek drainage area between Muirkirk and Powder Mill Roads. Sources of pollution, ways to counteract their effects, possible stream valley restoration alternatives and their cost will be discussed. Restoration efforts along Indian Creek in Beltsville will affect areas downstream including Greenbelt.

The CCRIC membership meeting will begin after the presentation. CCRIC officers will present their annual reports and new officers will be elected.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has been active this past month. The trip to Toby’s in Columbia to hear Frank Sinatra songs was wonderful. One person was heard to say, “I could understand all the words they sang.” The picnic at Greenbelt Lake was lots of fun with hot dogs and hamburgers and several people went kayaking. No one fell in or tipped over. Even the weather cooperated! There’s a kayaking trip planned for fall.

Delegate Justin Ross will speak on June 10 and there’s a rumor about a movie for seniors. Come hear what he has to say.

The birthday lunch is on June 17. Bring something for the potluck.

We were all saddened by Jim Williamson’s death. Many of us remember him as that kind, caring driver who enjoyed taking us on trips and was always interested in learning new facts. He will be missed by many.

We seniors should keep active to add days to our life and life to our days.

We always welcome guests and new members at the Golden Age Club meetings.

*For more Community Events see pages 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 14..*

## U-Liners Play At New Deal Café

On Friday, June 5 from 8 to 11 p.m. the U-Liners will present roots-rock music and songs with deep roots in social change. On-Tap Magazine says about their new CD, The U-Liners, “Long-time area roots-rocker Joe Uehlein practices in the best folk tradition: social consciousness that never loses sight of musical enjoyment and vice-versa.”

The U-Liners (www.uliners.com) feature D.C. musicians including Wammie-winning multi-instrumentalist Avril Smith on guitar and mandolin, drummer/percussionist Larry Ferguson, Mindy McWilliams on violin and vocals, Barry Warsaw on bass and Joe Uehlein on guitar and vocals.

## Greenbriar Boards Meet Tues., June 9

Greenbriar Phase I and II boards will meet Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. Phase III board will meet the same day at 6 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Community building. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## CARES Offers Summer Tutoring

Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring program for Greenbelt students completing grades 2-6. The program will be held in the Municipal Building Council Room Wednesday mornings beginning July 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Space is limited; students participating in the program are required to register in advance. Greenbelt residents have first priority. There is a \$15 charge for the program to cover the cost of tutoring materials.

There will be four sessions, on July 8, 15, 22 and 29. The schedule for instruction is: 9 to 10 a.m., English grammar skills and composition/spelling/writing; 10 to 11 a.m., English literature; and 11 to noon, math.

Parents or students should call CARES (301-345-6660, ext. 2016) to register for this program. Students must complete a registration form, signed by the parent/guardian and return it to Greenbelt CARES (25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770).

For questions or additional information call Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016.

## June Activities For Photo Club

On Sunday, June 7 the Greenbelt Photo Club will participate in this month’s Artful Afternoon at the Community Center with a photo competition. Members of the photo club are invited to enter. Competition categories will be: portraits, architecture, macro photography and motion. Registration and drop off of entries is from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. There will be a public reception from 1 to 3 p.m. and the photographs will be on display until 5 p.m. Sunday.

There will also be a club show in the Community Center June 22 to August 7, with this Sunday as the only day to submit photographs for possible inclusion.

The next meeting of the photo club will be Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 112. The meeting will be a last-minute workshop for those who need help preparing for the Community Center gallery show. Club meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF JUNE 5

### My Life in Ruins (PG-13)

#### Friday

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:35

#### Saturday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:35

#### Sunday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

#### Monday - Thursday

\*5:30, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pandgtheatres.com

## Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its June meeting on Thursday, June 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Everyone is welcome.

## SHL Rec. Center Holds Skate Party

The end of the year skate party will be held on Friday, June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center parking lot. Skates will be provided by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission skatemobile. Music will be provided by a local D.J. For more information call 301-397-2212.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

**ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.**

**Adults/Seniors: \$6.50**

**Children: \$6.00**

**ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00**

**ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.**

**Adults: \$8.50**

**Students/Military: \$7.50**

**Children: \$6.00**

**Seniors: \$6.50**

**R = ID Required**

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of June 5

### FRI. - SAT.

**Terminator Salvation, PG-13**

11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 10

**Drag Me to Hell, PG-13 (!!)**

11:30, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

**Night at the Museum 2, PG-13 (!!)**

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

**Land of the Lost, PG-13 (!)**

11:15, 1:50, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45

**Up, PG (!!)**

11:45, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10

**The Hangover, R (!)**

11:45, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

**Dance Flick, PG-13**

11:15, 1:20, 3:45, 5:50, 8, 10:15

**Angels and Demons, PG-13**

11:15, 2:15, 5:45, 9

### SUN.

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**Angels and Demons, PG-13**

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### MON. - THUR.

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**Drag Me to Hell, PG-13**

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**Night at the Museum 2, PG-13**

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**Up, PG**

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**Angels and Demons, PG-13**

12:30, 3:30, 6:30

# Where the Wild Animals Are?

## What to do When Raccoons and Others Take up Residence In Your Home or Business

With all of its wooded and lush green areas

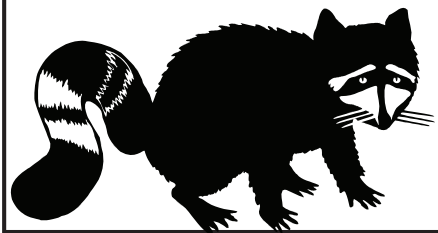
Greenbelt is a natural wildlife haven.

Join with GHI members to hear wildlife biologist,

Lori Thiele, of Humane Wildlife Services,

a branch of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), speak about humanely resolving wildlife conflicts in an urban setting.

Learn how to live in harmony with your wildlife neighbors.



**Saturday**

**June 13, 2009**

**Greenbelt Community Center**

**Room 202**

**11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**



### Rotary Club Still Collecting Food

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt has a staffed table at the Farmers Market in Roosevelt Center every other weekend to collect donations or food goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. June 14 is the next collection date. While food donations are always welcome, a \$5 donation allows the Food Bank to buy \$20 worth of food.

The following businesses owned by Rotary members continue collecting food and donations over the next few months: S.K. Motors, 10805 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham (301-464-0400); Century 21 Trademark Realty, Inc., 6401 Golden Triangle Drive, Greenbelt (301-441-1100); and Greenbelt Travel Services, 5510 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt (301-474-1300). Call for additional information about times for dropoffs.

#### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt is an organization of professional men and women most of whom either live or work in the Greenbelt area. It was founded in 1988; members come from many professions. Weekly meetings are held on Tuesday morning at 7:45 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott with a guest speaker, who may talk on a wide variety of topics. The club is currently accepting new members. Those interested are invited to join members for breakfast, enjoy the fellowship and meet interesting people.

Greenbelt's Rotary Club is one of 32,000 Rotary Clubs with over 1.2 million members in 200 nations that provide scholarships and support local and international causes with a variety of projects to improve their community and the world. For further information call Rotary President Helen Svensen at 301-474-1300, President Elect Charles (Wick) Caldwell at 301-390-9129 or Membership Chair Joel Lang at 301-386-5459.

### Free Jazz Concert At Center June 13

On Saturday, June 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be a free outdoor concert in Roosevelt Center featuring the Michael Grasso Jazz Trio. The trio plays a mixture of standards, blues and modern jazz in the spirit of Chet Baker, Chris Botti, Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard. The band members include Michael Grasso (trumpet, flugelhorn, keyboard), Bill Freed (guitar, vocals) and Tomas Dragon (bass).

The concert is produced by the New Deal Café and is the first in a new series of summer jazz concerts – all free and outdoors in the Center. The series is being sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting funds from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.



Condolences to Milton Greenbaum and his siblings on the death of their mother, longtime Greenbelter Lillian E. Greenbaum, who died May 30, 2009, at the age of 90. Family and friends attended graveside services at Mount Lebanon cemetery in Adelphi on May 31.

#### Congratulations to:

– The Greenbelt law firm of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, which received one of three 2009 Beacon of Justice Awards conferred by the National Legal Aid & Defender Association for pro bono assistance to low-income people facing foreclosure. In July 2008 the firm announced its Thousand Hours Project which was to serve Maryland homeowners facing foreclosure. Since then the law firm has provided hundreds of pro bono hours for clients and has participated in workshops around the state that provide advice and direction to homeowners dealing with foreclosure.

– Stephen M. Sciannella of Orange Court, who graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American studies. Stephen's parents are Michael and Kathy Sciannella, long-time Greenbelt residents.

– Greenbrook Village resident Michael A. Zeleny, Jr., DeMatha Class of 2006, who completed his studies December 2008 at Baltimore County Community College and on May 30, 2009, was awarded magna cum laude, an associate of applied science degree, major of automotive technology (FORD ASSET). He is currently

### Memorial Mass For Kathrine Gough

A memorial mass will be held for Kathrine Gough at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, on Wednesday, June 17 at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Gough, a longtime resident of Greenbelt, died on February 2, 2009, at her home in Lincoln Hills, Calif. Mrs. Gough and her husband Gerry had lived near Kent Island in the Annapolis area before moving to California.



employed as a service technician at Academy Ford in Laurel.

– Army Pfc. Brianna M. Wilson, a 2008 ERHS graduate, who has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Veronica Wilson of Elmcroft Blvd., Rockville and stepdaughter of Cornell Casey of Cherrywood Terrace, Greenbelt.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland




**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt**  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor




Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am




**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*



Sunday, June 7, 10 a.m.

**"Ode to Joy"**  
by Revs. Phyllis Hubbell and John Parker Manwell, with Shatida, worship associate and the PBUUC Choir.  
An adaptation of a Bob Fulghum story accompanied with selections from Beethoven's Ninth. The last service for Revs. Hubbell and Manwell, interim ministers.



**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
**7010 Glenn Dale Road**  
**(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)**  
**301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)**

**Sundays:**

8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass

9:00 am Christian education for all ages


10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted

1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

**Wednesdays:**

7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

**An inclusive congregation!**



**Bahá'í Teachings:**  
**Who is Bahá'u'lláh?**  
Bahá'is believe that Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892) is the Messenger or Manifestation, of God for this day. His teachings are the basis of the Bahá'í Faith, whose primary aim is the unity of mankind. At this website, you can find information about His life, the persecution He faced, the nature of His teachings and selections from His writings: <http://www.bahai.org/dir/bahaullah>.

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)




**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
**101 Greenhill Road**  
**Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212**  
**[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)**

**Welcome!**  
**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**  
**ALL are Welcome!**  
*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*



**Greenbelt Community Church**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



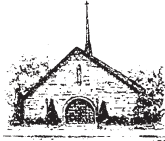
**Bible Study & Worship**  
9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway  
(Behind the Community Center)  
*We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!*  
301-474-4499  
**...living life together**



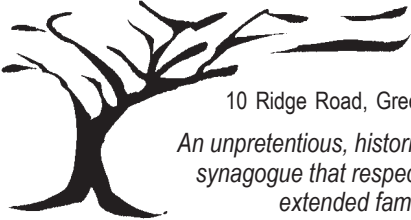
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111**  
Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service  
  
Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)



**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**  
**301-474-4322**  
**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**



**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*  
Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
Opportunity for leadership development.  
Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
Interfaith families are welcome.  
*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*





# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**June 8, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building**

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- MML “If I Were Mayor” County Finalists
- Introduction of MML Intern

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- Adoption of the Budget
- An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, and Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2010 Beginning July 1, 2009 and Including June 30, 2010
  - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
  - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1032 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland Effective July 1, 2009
  - 1st Reading
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Section 8-1, “Precincts” for the Purpose of Adding a New Precinct
  - 1st Reading

- A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, In Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Paragraph (A) of Section 4, Titled “Creation; Qualifications; Compensation” and Paragraph (A) Titled “Council Elections” of Section 14, Titled “Generally” to Change the Date of City Council Elections from Odd-Numbered Years to Even-Numbered Years (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-X) - 1st Reading

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- 1st Reading

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1042 and Establish a New Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) - Committee Name Change - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- FY 2010 Program Open Space (POS) Annual Program

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

## GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND

**Celebrate Greenbelt’s 72nd Anniversary!**

### Saturday, June 6:

9am - 12pm: **Community Playground Build**  
All ages: help complete the rebuild of a playground in the Windsor Green development on Ora Glen Drive between Mandan Road and Morrison Drive. No tools or special skills required. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works. For more information call 240-542-2151.  
10am: **Greenbelt Youth Baseball** - Orioles vs. Athletics (McDonald Field) Sponsored by Greenbelt Baseball. For more information call 301-441-4647.

1-3pm: **Get Active, Pedestrians!** Community Center rm 114. Free. All ages welcome. Pedestrian safety tips, updated information on proposed bills to make “green cars” safer for pedestrians, introduction to the Greenbelt Get Active Program with pedometers and a walk. Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more information call 240-542-2054.

### Sunday, June 7:

Greenbelt Community Center. Most activities free. All ages welcome.  
1pm: **Naturalization Ceremony**, gym  
The United States Citizen & Immigration Service (USCIS) will administer the Oath of Allegiance to

candidates seeking to become U.S. citizens as part of a formal ceremony.  
Sponsored by USCIS. For naturalization information or to contact USCIS: 1-800-375-5283.

**Artful Afternoon Activities** sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department:



1-3pm: Greenbelt Museum craft workshop: make a rag rug trivet, rm 113  
1-3pm: Greenbelt Photo Club members’ contest; entries on view, rm 114  
2pm: Eleanor Roosevelt returns to Greenbelt! Presentation by actor Suzan King, gym  
3pm: Greenbelt Day welcome address from Mayor Judith “J” Davis and the Greenbelt City Council, followed by a performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band, gym  
1-4pm: Artists in Residence studio open house and sale, 3rd floor  
1-5pm: Art gallery and Greenbelt Museum fashion exhibit open  
1-5pm: Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 10-B Crescent Road (\$3)  
For more information call 240-542-2057.

### Throughout the weekend...

*Enjoy the people and amenities that make Greenbelt great. Information about city recreation services and community events taking place this weekend is available at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). Show your appreciation for local entrepreneurs and non-profits by patronizing Greenbelt’s theaters, eateries, markets and other establishments. Greenbelt Day Weekend is also a great time to investigate local volunteer opportunities; have fun, make new friends, and contribute to the community!*

## PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND JUNE DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION SESSION

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc. will arrive June 13, 2009 to examine all aspects of the Greenbelt Police Department’s policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

Verification by the team that the Greenbelt Police Department meets the Commission’s state-of-the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session, June 15, 2009 at 6 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City of Greenbelt Council Chambers located at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may do so by telephone. The public may call 240-542-2102 on June 15, 2006 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Greenbelt Police Department,

550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Please contact Lieutenant Carl Schinner, 301-474-7200.

The Greenbelt Police Department must comply with all applicable standards to gain accredited status.

The accreditation team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are team leader Mr. Ray Johnson, Chief of Police, Chesterfield Police Department, Chesterfield, Missouri, and the team member Mr. Steven Sanders, Lieutenant, Garden Grove Police Department, Garden Grove, California. Once the Commission’s assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports, attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, Virginia, 20030-2201; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.

## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER DO YOU KNOW THIS CAT??



*Found around the Boxwood area. Tame and friendly. Female, Brown Colored Tabby w/white chest.*  
**Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.**  
*For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:  
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board  
For more info call 301-474-8000.

**Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.**

**Greenbelt CityLink: [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov) for city events, information and services. City Council Meetings and more now streaming live from CityLink. Visit Greenbelt now on FaceBook!**



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stressed the immense need to get the word out, especially where low turnout has been experienced.

Herling recommended a welcome package and information distributed through homeowners associations and property management companies and Councilmember Edward Putens agreed.

Davis closed the round by noting that this item is one of the easiest to do. She thanked citizens for their comments and saw the main goal as increasing voter participation and the number of candidates. “Although the city has undertaken programs to increase outreach, we can do more,” she said.

During citizen participation on this topic, Ruth Kastner commended council for what it has already done in this area. She suggested that it be called “support” rather than “education” and used the opportunity to express the continued frustration of Emperian Village residents in Greenbelt West with the new management there and suggested council set up a satellite city office there to support residents in getting their issues addressed.

Kelly Ivey supported a public ballot on the issues council is considering. Bill Orleans suggested that council consider providing opportunities for non-citizens to vote in city elections as is done in a few other municipal jurisdictions. Council then approved unanimously a motion to support the outreach efforts.

### Early Voting

When discussion started on the second topic, Roberts balked at the mayor’s suggestion that he start again, saying he believed the order should change for each round. While he and the mayor were talking, Mach offered to start the second round. She said she favors both early voting and expanding the opportunity to vote by mail.

Herling agreed with her and Putens raised the issue of possible confusion with retaining the term “Absentee Ballot.” He suggested “Vote by Mail.”

Davis agreed that such changes would help to eliminate reasons for a citizen not to vote. But she said she would oppose adoption of same-day registration.

Speaking last, Roberts said that he was not strong on this proposition one way or the other. He cautioned, however, that early voting could impact first-time candidates by taking away some valuable time for campaigning.

Audience member Alan Turnbull told council he was happy to hear early voting was being considered but expressed concern with the role of the Postal Service in making vote by mail work.

Orleans said he was not opposed to the principle but was himself happy to go to the polls. This discussion was followed by a motion to direct staff to prepare a proposed charter amendment to allow early voting by voting machine. It was approved unanimously.

There was a second motion to modify the existing ordinance allowing absentee ballots to provide for expanded mail-in voting. It was approved by a vote of four to one, with Roberts opposed.

### Increase Size

Council then turned to the issue of whether its membership should be increased by two. Roberts led off, stressing that a

question so important to Greenbelt governance should be put before the voters rather than decided by council. He suggested that increasing the size of council from five to seven would likely result in meetings ending at 1 a.m. rather than at 11 p.m. This comment was met with a great deal of laughter in the chamber. Mach felt that increasing council size could help to increase diversity and would provide more chances for residents to serve.

Herling agreed with Mach. He added that additional members could help ease the burden somewhat with more to serve on related boards and committees, a point shared by Putens. One person in the audience responded to this issue by announcing that he looks forward to running for city council. He noted that to do so a candidate needs to focus on all parts of Greenbelt.

Another attendee felt that size was irrelevant. He said that one should not run for council only when one had a chance to be elected. He felt that running is an essential way to participate in the process.

Several participants commented on this proposal by asking if members on an expanded council would represent districts. They argued that all parts of the city would then be represented. One person questioned why council did not consider any alternative voting proposals as part of their discussions, such as those put forward in the public meeting by FairVote.

Councilmembers nearly uniformly spoke against the creation of districts, calling them divisive. They cited experiences among neighboring municipalities with either a district system or a hybrid that their voter turnouts are extremely low.

Herling pointed out that FairVote was not fair. When he had asked the FairVote representative if under a FairVote vote system a candidate for council who secured the fifth highest vote count could end up losing, the answer was yes. Herling called that basically unfair.

Mach added that any voting system that cannot be easily explained cannot be expected to increase participation.

Roberts asserted that the issue was not about turnout. “We are here because there is not a black person on council,” he said.

To this comment Davis responded, “When numbers of voters go down in Greenbelt, that is a problem.”

Others in the audience continued to press council that if they were going to increase the size of council, they should consider some hybrid form where districts could be created, even a system where some members of the larger council could represent districts but all would have to run at large.

Davis said such proposals were not looked at as options but could

be considered in the future. Roberts closed out discussion by noting that an issue such as this explains why he believes that more citizen involvement is needed in this discussion.

A motion was made to direct the city staff to prepare a charter amendment to increase the size of the city council from five to seven members. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 1 with Roberts opposed.

### Even-year Elections

Roberts again led off discussion of the final issue to be considered, changing the election dates from odd to even years. He felt this solution took the city from a bad situation to one that was worse. He said he would hate to see the election of the Greenbelt City Council having to compete with the presidential election and creating partisan, versus non-partisan, issues. He considers it a shortsighted, knee-jerk reaction and hopes that it never happens.

Mach noted that she favored the change and would ask that the city’s Board of Elections assure that the partisanship issues are addressed.

Herling also favored the proposal, which he generally saw as another way to increase voter participation, with protections against partisanship, outside funding and other issues.

Putens was clear that he wants no part of this proposal; he sees it having disastrous consequences. It would likely increase the cost of running for challengers and he would be concerned about the Greenbelt election being overshadowed by state and federal issues.

Davis also supported changing the election date, which she feels would increase voter participation. She believed that protections can be built in to assure that the Greenbelt election is kept non-partisan.

Memoranda prepared by staff and legal counsel made the case that the city could do little to protect against slating, party affiliations and campaign funding. According to the cover memo from City Solicitor Robert Manzi, a fair body of case law protects these activities under the U. S. Constitution.

The short answer in the larger memorandum states: “The City of Greenbelt can, to a certain extent, limit the amount of campaign contributions that candidates can receive from outside sources. It may also be able to limit the time (when) campaign contributions may be made. The city cannot prohibit slating or prohibit candidates from associating with a certain political party or soliciting campaign contributions from same.”

Audience response to the proposal that clearly appeared to have enough votes to succeed was firm, but mixed. Two people who had not spoken earlier ex-

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of May 31

	W-L		W-L
Indians	14-0	Yankees	5-6
Giants	7-4	Cardinals	3-5
Tigers	8-4	Athletics	4-8
Orioles	0-12		

### Major League Schedule June 8 through 13

Date	Time	Games
Monday, June 8	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Orioles
	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cardinals *
Tuesday, June 9	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Athletics
Wednesday, June 10	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Thursday, June 11	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Giants
Friday, June 12	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Saturday, June 13	10 a.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
	1 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Sunday, June 14	1 p.m.	All Star Game

\* This game at Braden Field #2  
All other games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

pressed strong support for the change to even years and could not understand why there would be objections from citizens.

Others were taken aback by the possibility that the measure would pass. They urged council to rethink the approach, labeling it as “a huge mistake,” “a nakedly foolish idea” and “incredibly naïve.”

Among questioners of the proposal, many actively inquired about the actual mechanics of challenging an action by council to change the election year.

In response the city attorney and staff noted that to create the required charter amendment, the proposal would have to be written in appropriate language, considered at two regular meetings of council. Once approved by council, the proposal would go into force approximately 50 days later. This process would apply if the charter amendment is not successfully challenged by citizens who submit a requisite number of voter signatures on a petition to referendum. If the petition is successful, the question would be placed on a ballot and would need approval by a majority of Greenbelt voters to succeed.

Following additional discussion among councilmembers and with no members altering their positions, a motion was made by Mach, seconded by Herling and approved by a 3 to 2 vote, with Roberts and Putens opposed, to change the election date to even years.

## My Sister Eileen Is Free Monthly Movie

The free monthly movie to be held at the Greenbelt Senior Lounge on Monday, June 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. will be “My Sister Eileen.” Eileen and Ruth (Janet Leigh and Betty Garrett) are two small-town Ohio sisters who move to Manhattan, seeking excitement. They live in a basement apartment in Greenwich Village with an assortment of oddball tenants as they pursue success and romance. “My Sister Eileen” was choreographed by Bob Fosse, who also appears as one sister’s suitor; the other’s suitor is played by Jack Lemmon. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Toastmasters Meet

Learn effective communication, deliver presentations, give and receive constructive evaluations and become a better listener. Learn to lead teams and conduct meetings. The next, free meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, June 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. For details call 301-906-0865.

## I. Turner to Address ERHS Graduates

Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will deliver the keynote address for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 5 at the University of Maryland Comcast Center in College Park.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

The Choir Sings  
Its Greatest Hits  
in Concert

Sunday,  
June 14  
4:00 p.m.

Reception to follow  
Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
3215 Powder Mill Road  
Adelphi, Maryland 20783-1097  
Phone 301-937-3666  
Admission is Free, but Donations are gratefully accepted.  
Donations will go to the PBUUC  
Piano Restoration Fund



### Annual Prince George’s & Montgomery County American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) dinner meeting/program

Tuesday, June 16

Keynote speaker is David Rocah, lead attorney for the ACLU  
of Maryland’s political spying case against the Maryland State Police.

Reception 6, Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30 p.m.

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$15 students

Reservations and fee are not needed for program.

RSVP to sachs@aclu-md.org or call 410-889-8555.

Paint Branch UU Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi



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toothbrush collection but Davis put toothbrushes on sale that day to help the cause.

Another big “thank you” goes to the News Review staff for giving such great coverage of the announcement of the campaign. While most people contributed because they were going on their regular shopping errand, many others made a special trip to the Co-op that day simply to drop off toothbrushes they had already bought, mentioning that they had read about the campaign in the News Review.

Finally, many thanks to all those who dropped off toothbrushes. Your generosity will go a long way to give the children of the Centro Hogar clinic healthier teeth, brighter futures and even more beautiful smiles. Folks can still contribute until June 15 by calling me at 240-432-2489.

It’s over a week later and I am still stunned by this outpouring of concern and support. I just can’t seem to wipe this big smile off my face!

*Frank DeBernardo*

**THANKS!**

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt wants to thank everyone who has participated in our “March Against Hunger” project.

We want to remind you that our club will have a manned table at the Farmers Market in the Roosevelt Center where we will be collecting donations or food goods for the Capital Area Food Bank every other weekend. June 14 will be our next collection. Although food goods are welcome, a \$5 donation allows the Food Bank to purchase \$20 worth of food.

In addition to the Farmers Market, the following businesses owned by Rotary members will also be collecting food and donations for the next few months: S.K. Motors, 10805 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham (301-464-0400); Century 21 Trademark Realty, Inc., 6401 Golden Triangle Drive (301-441-1100); and Greenbelt Travel Services, 5510 Cherrywood Lane (301-474-1300) in Greenbelt. Call for additional information about times for drop offs.

*Helen Svensen, President*

**THANKS!**

I have been slowly recovering from an assault on December 24 in a church parking lot and even more slowly sending out notes of gratitude. Since the time of my injury, individuals and people from many different groups in our diverse and inclusive community have expressed their concern to me and to my family and have been even kinder than usual (if that is possible).

You have expressed your generosity through cards, prayers, transportation service, meals and many other good works.

Thank you so very much

for this tremendous outpouring of caring and love. The experience is both humbling and overwhelming. It is impossible to express properly my appreciation. All that I seem to be able to say is a heartfelt “Thank you” and to ask that you continue this support to my family and me as I continue my recovery.

*Wayne Williams*

**The “Litter” League**

Looks like it’s that time of year again! The Greenbelt “Litter” League is back in full swing at McDonald Field. Since the season started, I have unfortunately noticed a dramatic increase in the amount of trash on and around the ball field. Foil from the burgers and hotdogs, plastic water/sport drink bottles, sunflower seed packets, freezer pop wrappers and soda cans can be found around the ball field and the adjoining open field and playground. Many of those attending the games, be they players or fans, walk to and from the games and simply drop their trash along the walkways or in neighborhood yards.

My neighbor and I stopped a young boy on Southway one evening after he threw a full soda can into a yard. We pointed out a trash can not 50 feet away and asked that he go in the yard and retrieve his trash, which he did. Explaining that “we don’t do that, especially not in Greenbelt,” we sent him on his way.

It’s unfortunate that I must write this letter every year at this time. This is Greenbelt! There are many trash cans at McDonald field, even one marked for recyclables. Yet the problem continues.

I am sending out a plea to the parents, coaches, players and fans to police the area and themselves. Use the trash cans that are provided or take your trash with you. We don’t want it in our back yards!

As a side note, it would also be appreciated if you would enter and exit the parking area in a slow and safe manner.

*Marion Holland*

**A Major Step**

Congratulations to the members of our city council for their patience during nine hearings on electoral reform and their decisiveness at the meeting on May 25.

We hope the combination of the five approved initiatives may finally result in greater diversity on our council.

Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach had the courage, despite strong opposition, to seize the opportunity to possibly increase the voter turnout by at least 30 percent. That truly would be a major step for democracy in our community.

Just as so many sang in the 1960s, we must “keep our eyes on the prize.”

*David Lange*

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it by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the U.S. Postal Service. The petition must comply with requirements set forth in the state code.

It must be signed by 20 percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the city general elections and must request that the proposed amendment or amendments be submitted on referendum to the voters of the municipal corporation. Each person signing the petition shall indicate thereon his or her name and residence address.

Upon receiving the petition, the city council is directed to verify that any person who signed it is qualified to vote in its city election and shall consider the petition of no effect if it is signed by fewer than 20 percent of qualified voters.

If the petition is found to comply with state requirements, the city council shall specify the day and the hours for the election at which the question is put before the voters. The council could either schedule it for the next regular city election or call for a special election.

If a special election, it must be held between 40 and 60 days following the call set forth by council. The resolution calling for the election must also set forth the exact wording to be placed on the ballots or voting machines.

The exact number of signatures required to bring a council-initiated charter amendment to referendum will have to be determined by the city or others. At the last city election in November 2007 there were 10,668 registered city voters, according to City Clerk Cindy Murray. Based on that figure, a petition would require the valid signatures of more than 20 percent or about 2,200 registered voters. A current count of registered voters is not available at this time.

Murray also advised that the three proposed charter amendments to change the date of city elections, to increase the size of city council and to provide for early voting are scheduled for introduction and first reading at the June 8 regular meeting and for second reading and final passage at the June 23 meeting.

**Byrd Singers Seek New Members**

Greenbelt’s a cappella group The Byrd Singers is starting up again for the summer. Those who can read music and sing fairly independently are invited to join the group as it prepares a program of works by English Renaissance composer William Byrd. Court composer for Queen Elizabeth I, Byrd wrote many types of music, including sacred music for both Anglican and Catholic services. All voices are welcome.

The first rehearsal of the season will be on Sunday, June 7 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church, lower level, 101 Greenhill Road (corner of Crescent and Greenhill).

For more information call Director Ruth Kastner at 301-474-5605 or email rkastner@verizon.net.



PHOTO BY DAVID LANGE

**Greenbelt Elementary School added seven more names of volunteers to its recognition plaques at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 22. The honorees have supported the school on a frequent basis over several years. Special recognition was given to Barbara Simon for 22 years of service. Those pictured (left to right) are: Laura O’Neil, Melissa Sites, Eva Choper, Kimberly Seidel (Principal), Anne Vore and Jordan Choper. The other honorees are Carol Bailey Brown and Kirsten Dabelko.**

## Boxwood Village Scholarship Offer

The Boxwood Village Civic Association is offering its annual scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. The scholarship is available to this year’s high school graduates and to full time (12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students.

The application form is available from Jean Cook (301-345-2597) or Judy Ott (301-474-0222) and must be returned by June 30. The scholarship committee reviews the applications and awards the scholarship.

The scholarship has been funded through a portion of the proceeds from the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Zoo Dip Booth, Boxwood Civic Association funds and private donations.

**Green the Garbage**

Americans generate around 250 million tons of trash annually. More than 25 percent of prepared food ends up in the trash. When it comes to portion size, Americans tend to overdo it. When food decomposes in landfills under anaerobic conditions, it contributes to global warming by producing methane. Order smaller portions at restaurants or split one entrée between two people. Take home leftovers in a reusable container.

– Sierra Club

**INTERACTIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MAP**  
City of Greenbelt Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

The City of Greenbelt has created an interactive bicycle and pedestrian map as part of an effort to collect public input on places pedestrians and bicyclists go in the city and places they find problematic. The input will assist the City of Greenbelt in developing a bicycled and pedestrian master plan.

To review, edit, and comment on the map, go to:  
[www.communitywalk.com/gbbikeped](http://www.communitywalk.com/gbbikeped)  
Click the “Login” link on the upper right and enter  
Username: gbbikeped Password: gbbikeped  
The map will be available online for public comment through June 20th.  
If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hofstra at 301-345-5417.


**BASIC VEGAN CUISINE**

Summer is a great season to join a cooking class.

Students will be guided through naturally delicious and nutritious vegan recipes. Learn the health benefits of a vegan diet. Light fare recipes to include in-season fruits and vegetables, plus smoothies and other delicious snacks will be introduced. All cooking supplies and food are included in the fees. No cooking experience required.

Tu 7:00pm-9:00pm 6/23-7/14 Residents: \$50,  
Non-Resident: \$62.50

Call 301-397-2208 for more information .

**Summer Camps at the Greenbelt Recreation Department**  
**Are you ready for the Summer?**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department offers a variety of summer camps: Kinder Camp for ages 3-5; Creative Kids for ages 6-12; Camp Pine Tree I for ages 6-8; Camp Pine Tree II for ages 9-11; Youth on the Go for ages 12-14; Camp Dance for ages 6-16; Camp Encore for ages 13 -15; Circus Camp for ages 8-13 (Waiting list only);

Volunteer positions for ages 16-17

Please call 301-397-2200 or visit our web site at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) to explore the exciting opportunities that are awaiting your child.

**SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER TODAY: 301-397-2200**



Woods Walk Part 2  
Sunday Morning

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will hold a second Woods Walk with Joe Murray on Sunday, June 7 at 10 a.m. Murray is a naturalist whose training was at the University of Maryland, with indigenous elders of many North American tribes and with naturalist Tom Brown, Jr., one of the world's leading trackers and author of 19 books. Join Murray on Woods Walk Part II to learn more about the behavior of animals in the forest, caretaking of the forest, survival techniques and other woods information. Murray uses stories from the native way of teaching to help participants experience the woods in a new way.

Bring water; a notebook is also suggested. Dress for the woods and potential ticks. Meet at Northway extended near the ball fields.

For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

Host Homes Sought  
For Exchange Teens

World Heritage Student Exchange program is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from France, Germany, Thailand, Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Denmark and Italy for the 2009-2010 academic school year. Host families provide room, board and guidance. Couples, single parents and families with or without children in the home are all encouraged to apply. For details call Jo Butler at 1-800-888-9040 or visit [www.world-heritage.org](http://www.world-heritage.org).

Climate Action Network  
On Keeping Cool

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will present a program entitled "Keeping Cool at Home this Summer and Conserving Energy at the Same Time" on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. A representative from Pepco will be present to suggest ways to reduce energy costs and stay cool by taking a few simple actions. Greenbelt residents Chris Logan and John Lippert will discuss issues concerning air conditioning efficiency and the use of fans and other energy saving and cooling technologies.

Co-sponsor Simplicity Matters Earth Institute will distribute its checklist of "Suggested Lifestyle Changes to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint." The group will then brainstorm and share ideas for additional ways to increase energy efficiency, help the planet and stay cool this summer.

For more information email [srkane@gmail.com](mailto:srkane@gmail.com).

Eleanor's Visit  
Featured Sunday

A one-woman show of Eleanor Roosevelt will be performed by Suzan King at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. The program lasts one hour, is free, and is a part of the Greenbelt Day celebration and the 2009 Maryland Humanities Council Chautauqua series entitled Rights and Reformers. At 3 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform in the Community Center Gym. A program sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum offers visitors to make a rag rug trivet, a craft popular in the 1930s and 1940s.

Café Members  
Meeting Sunday

Members of the New Deal Café cooperative are reminded that there is a special membership meeting to discuss the temporary closure of the Café on Sunday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Café. Members are urged to arrive early, at 6:30 p.m. to sign in.

A group of members has petitioned to place a motion on the agenda. The lengthy details of the petition have been circulated on the Greenbelt Listserv.

Upcoming Music  
At the New Deal

The New Deal Café will be open again this Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5 from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, June 6 from 3 to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, June 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. Joe P of "I Like You" will host the popular Thursday Open Microphone session at 7 p.m. John Guernsey will play the piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. The U-Liners play popular bluegrass Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. The Scrub Pines play acoustic Americana folk Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m.

Next Week

Next week Maureen Andary is scheduled to play/sing nostalgic indie/folk/showtunes on Tuesday, June 9 at 8 p.m. Brena Belly Dance will perform on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. The Zekiah Swamp Cats will play a local version of bluegrass on Friday, June 12 at 8 p.m.



Not for Seniors Only

Saturday, June 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a program in the senior classroom, Room 114, in the Community Center about pedestrian safety.

A Greenbelt police officer will speak on the topic. Also Chris Danielson from the National Federation of the Blind will inform attendees about bills before the House and Senate on automobile safety features. Included will be an effort to make "green" cars safer for pedestrians.

Get Active pedometers will be distributed. People are invited to walk around the community.

This program is sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more information call 240-542-2054.

Youngster Hosts  
Sought in Summer

Join thousands of volunteer host families throughout northeastern states and Canada to host New York City children from underprivileged communities through The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family program. This year the Fund celebrates its 133rd summer of helping city youngsters enjoy new experiences like skipping rocks across a lake surface and running barefoot through the grass while making new friends. Fresh Air children on first-time visits to host families are 6 to 12 years old and stay for one to two weeks.

For more information contact Lisa Oakley at 202-244-8994 or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003. Learn more about the Volunteer Host Family program by visiting [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

Military Flyer Exhibit  
At Aviation Museum

From June 1 through November 30 the College Park Aviation Museum will display the exhibit, "Amid Cheers of Thousands" – The Wright Military Flyer at Fort Myer and College Park, 1909-2009.

This exhibit shows large-scale, richly detailed photographs of the Wright brothers' record-breaking flight trials at Fort Myer, Va., and pilot training at College Park, Md., 100 years ago. These successes resulted in the development of the world's first military airplane and the establishment of College Park as an airfield.

Drawn from several collections, the details of the images reveal the many facets of this milestone: the innovative flyer itself; the Wright brothers and their family; the Signal Corps officers flying for the first time; the President of the United States, his cabinet and leaders of Congress; and thousands of citizens from the Washington, D.C. area who came to witness history. The exhibition is organized by the College Park Aviation Museum and Paul Glenshaw; there is no extra charge with regular museum admission fee.

Museum Offers Film  
Series on Sundays

The College Park Aviation Museum's series of "Hollywood Flyers" movies will continue on Sunday, June 7 at 1 p.m. with the showing of "Explorers." In this film three young boys go on a fantastic interplanetary adventure. The movie is free with museum admission; lemonade and popcorn are also included.

The following citizens of Greenbelt  
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COMMUNITY PLEDGE

(adopted by the Greenbelt City Council on 9/24/01)

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*By sharing together all are enriched.*

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,  
<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or  
[http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

May 22, 2:02 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a person was approached by two teenagers, one armed with a baseball bat. They demanded money and struck the person in the head with the bat. The teenagers took the victim's wallet and fled on foot. The suspects are described as a black male in his teens, 5'7", 170 pounds with black hair, wearing a white shirt; and a black male in his teens, 5'7", 170 pounds with long braided black hair wearing a black shirt.

May 22, 11:18 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a person was approached by two teenagers, one armed with a gun and one armed with a knife. The teenagers demanded money from the person and one of them cut the victim's hand with the knife. The suspects took the victim's wallet and fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as two black males in their teens, both 5'8" to 5'9", 180 to 190 pounds, wearing black and blue shirts and dark pants; one was bald.

### Arson

May 26, 1:42 p.m., 100 block Crescent Road, unknown person(s) ignited trash in a container. No arrests were made.

### Drug Arrest

May 21, 3:34 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident woman was arrested for possession of heroin and paraphernalia. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Disorderly Conduct

May 28, 12:29 a.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested for disorderly conduct after causing a disturbance with a large group in the parking lot and refusing to leave. He was transported to the police station, charged and released on a criminal citation, pending trial.

### Vandalism

May 21, 8:51 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) wrote graffiti on the front and rear doors of an apartment building.

May 22, 6:33 p.m., 7900 block of Mandan Road, a resident youth threw a rock through an apartment window while playing. No charges are pending at this time.

May 22, 10:50 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two resident youths were issued juvenile citations for vandalism after allegedly breaking lights at a shopping center.

May 25, 5:58 p.m., 7900 block Greenbury Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the front glass door of a residence.

May 26, 7:30 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) wrote graffiti on the laundry room walls in an apartment building.

### Burglaries

May 22, 11:17 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, no items were reported taken.

May 25, 3:40 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, it was reported that a television was taken.

May 25, 4:01 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a laptop computer and printer were reported taken.

May 25, 4:01 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, it was reported that a television was taken.

May 26, 3:32 p.m., 7500 block Hanover Parkway, a medical chart was reported taken.

May 26, 8:21 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, it was reported that a television, two laptops and jewelry were taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 Buick LeSabre 4-door from Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Terrace (recovered the same day by its owner); a red and black 2005 Suzuki motorcycle, Maryland tags 9D0613 from Beltway Plaza; and a 2007 Toyota Corolla, Maryland tag 57229CA from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Virginia temporary tag E663055 was reported stolen from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

May 24, 6:400 block Ivy Lane, a 1995 Cadillac STS was stolen. While fleeing the scene, two men struck several parked vehicles; they returned to the scene a short time later. A nonresident man and a man of no fixed address were arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500, theft under \$500, theft under \$100 and failure to stop after an accident. The men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a

## Public May Comment To CALEA on Police

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) will arrive June 13 to examine all aspects of the Greenbelt Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services.

Verification by the team that the Greenbelt Police Department meets the commission's state-of-the art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence. As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, June 15 at 6 p.m. in the city council chambers at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

If an individual who cannot speak at the public information session would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he or she may call 240-542-2102 on June 15 between 1 and 3 p.m. Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards.

district court commissioner.

Attempted theft of vehicles occurred at 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 7200 block Mandan Road and 100 block Westway.

One vehicle was recovered by an outside department. No arrests were made.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS units), 9100 block Springhill Court (vehicle stereo), 8000 block Mandan Road and 7400 block Morrison Drive (rear license plates) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (cell phone).

Vandalism to vehicles occurred at 8100 block Bird Lane (pried door lock), 6100 block Breezewood Court and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (broken windows) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (damaged door lock).

## Brendan Cusack Is 2009 Craig Memorial Scholar

by Doug Mangum

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund has selected Brendan Michael Cusack as its 2009 scholarship award recipient. Cusack was selected after a lengthy review and discussion of the applicants. As in past selection nights, the excellence of the pool of candidates made it a difficult decision.

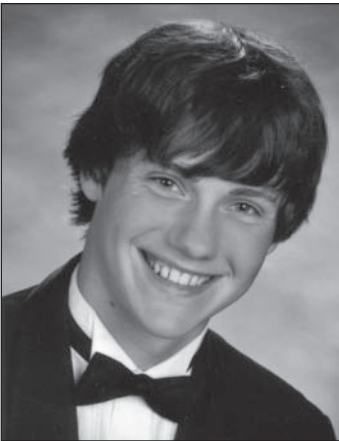
All this year's applicants are wonderful and worthy, demonstrating just how great the student body of ERHS is.

As for this year's winner of the David Craig Scholarship, Brendan Cusack is an amazing young man who left quite an impression on the selection committee due to his traits of perseverance, commitment to others, courage and intelligence. These traits were demonstrated prior to his high school experience when young Cusack endured an autoimmune disease. It was first discovered from a knee injury which halted his participation in several sports for two years. At that time he was very active in the College Park Boys and Girls Club soccer, baseball and bowling programs. Unable to perform on the field, he took to the sidelines and helped coach soccer for the club. The disease/disorder (CRMO) did not keep him from becoming a multi-talented, self-driven, family and community-oriented student athlete.

### Other Activities

Brendan not only plays on the varsity baseball team, he is a musician, playing trumpet both for the school and the Lions Club Honors Band. Cusack is also an integral part of his faith community, lending leadership to the youth group on mission trips and for fundraising. Additionally, he works part time at a local restaurant, swims with the Knights of Columbus swim team, maintains a 4.0 GPA and serves as a role model all while being part of a loving and supportive family.

The night I presented his



Brendan Cusack

scholarship award at the Senior Awards, Cusack displayed a quiet and comfortable demeanor when introducing me to his parents and older sister and his personality shone through his smile like that first burst of light at sunrise. Brendan's family beamed with pride shar-

ing in the moment yet allowing the moment to be Brendan's, with his mom, dad and sister truly happy to see him rewarded for all his efforts.

### Future Plans

Cusack plans to attend the University of Maryland in the fall in pursuit of a medical degree. His bout with adversity through the surgeries and therapy and medications impressed the scholarship committee because of his response to that adversity – a response of strength and courage; a response of hope and determination; a response by an individual as a member of the larger communal body. One of his traits was revealed in a reference letter that said, "I truly believe Brendan is the kind of guy that you would like your boys to grow up to be like."

### Reunion

The David Craig committee will gather on Saturday, June 6 at 5 p.m. for its first recipient's reunion, at which Cusack's selection as the 24th recipient will also be celebrated.

### Donations

The committee asks for continued support from the community. The goal is to grow the award to meet the needs of increasing college tuition costs. To inquire or contribute to the fund call 301-474-7874 or contact the David Craig Committee at P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768. All donations are tax deductible; the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund is recognized by the United Way Program #14153.

Doug Mangum is the president of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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with presentation of the colors by members of the Eleanor Roosevelt Junior ROTC, singing of the national anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees Welcomed

Linkenhoker welcomed attendees and introduced Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts, as well as officials of the American Legion. Councilmember Leta Mach, who was unable to attend due to other commitments, sent her regards. Representing Ingrid Turner and the entire County Council was Thomas Dernoga of District 1.

In her opening remarks Linkenhoker recognized the work of the Girl Scouts and the Public Works

Department for their refurbishing of the Veterans' Memorial area. She spoke of patriotism and how "deeply indebted" the country remains to the efforts of America's members of the armed forces, who were "ordinary Americans making extraordinary sacrifices."

Mayor Speaks

Davis began her remarks with some statistics she attributed to the Washington Post. In 1947, 65 percent of people in America reported that they or a family member had served in America's armed forces; in 2008, the number had dropped to 14 percent of those surveyed. In recognizing the efforts of the Girl and Boy Scouts, she remarked that they represent the generation who will

honor future Memorial Days and reminded them that a soldier's greatest fear is that their sacrifices be forgotten.

Dernoga extended to Greenbelt the sentiments of Ingrid Turner, pointing out that she holds Memorial Day in special regard as she herself is a Navy veteran.

Thomas Dyson, representing the Greenbelt George H. Seal Memorial Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, read a poem entitled "Lest We Forget" and prodded the audience to assist returning veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars – "the longest wars in our history."

Davis read a city proclamation honoring Memorial Day of 2009. Members of the American

Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans and the Boy

Scouts, assisted by Herling and Roberts, then placed wreaths at the Memorial.



PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Above, Edmund Rupert, past post commander of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, passes out American flags to Memorial Day celebrants.

Far left, laying wreaths at the Greenbelt Memorial are (left to right): Gabrielle Dietrich (partially obscured), Commander Elect Harold Bullock, Auxiliary President Genney Bonnie and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

At left, decked out in patriotic gear, Ruth McElvoy watches the proceedings.

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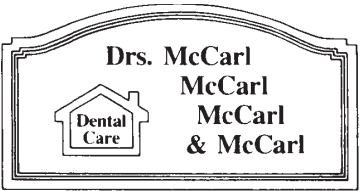


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### ACLU Annual Meeting To Be on June 16

On Tuesday, June 16 the Prince George's and Montgomery County chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will hold their annual meeting at 8 p.m. with a program titled "Don't Spy on Me: Speaking Up for the First Amendment and Saying No to Police Spying." The speaker is David Rocah, lead attorney for the ACLU in Maryland's political spying case against the Maryland State Police and one of the "Influential Marylanders for 2009" selected by the editorial staff of The Daily Record, a Maryland legal and business newspaper.

The event will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. There is a dinner and reception before the 8 p.m. meeting, for which there is a fee.

For more information or to make reservations (not needed for the program only) contact Allison Sachs at [sachs@aclu-md.org](mailto:sachs@aclu-md.org).

### Area Hosts Sought For High Schoolers

AFS-USA, a 501(c)3 nonprofit international high school student exchange for more than 60 years, is seeking families in this area to host high school students for an academic year or six months. Students arrive in August.

Families eligible to host include two-parent households with young children or teenagers, single-parent families, families with adopted children, foster parents and couples and single people who do not have children or who have grown children.

AFS students come from more than 40 countries and represent many different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Local AFS volunteers enroll students in high school and help students and their families to gain the most from their experience.

AFS also needs volunteer liaisons to work locally with families and their hosted students.

Anyone interested in learning more should visit [www.afsusa.org/hostfamily](http://www.afsusa.org/hostfamily) or call 1-800-876-2377.

### Saturday Activities In Old Town Bowie

Saturday, June 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. is Antique Bicycle Day at the A&M Cycle display of 100 years of bicycling (1887 to 1987) in Old Town Bowie.

See an 1887 Columbia High Wheeler, late '70s Schwinn Stingrays and Fastbacks and over 60 antique bikes from the '30s, '40s and '50s. A&M Cycle is at 13002 Ninth Street.

The Railroad Museum offers tours of a 1992 caboose from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can also see passing trains from the observation station.

Old Town Bowie Welcome Center Heritage and Children's Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call Michael DeNardo at 301-262-4343.

### Historical Film Marks Airport Centennial

For the rest of this year a movie, "College Park Airport: The Early Years," will be shown every Friday at 1 p.m. in the College Park Aviation Museum. The movie is free with museum admission.

### P.I.E. Students Need Host Homes

The Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) is seeking host homes for foreign high school students coming to the U.S. for academic semester and year homestay programs. The students are between 15 and 18, English-speaking, have their own spending money, accident and health insurance and are eager to share cultural experiences with American host families. Stays range from one semester to a full academic year. The students will attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. representatives match students to host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective families can review student applications to select a good match. Host families include single parent homes, childless couples, retired couples or large families. P.I.E. host families are eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on itemized tax returns for each month hosting a sponsored student.

P.I.E. students come from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil,

Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, China and other countries, as well as two special government-funded programs bringing scholarship students from the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union and also from predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar.

Those interested in being hosts are asked to contact P.I.E. by calling 1-866-546-1402.

### Botanic Garden Holds Chocolate Demo

On Wednesday, June 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will hold a Cooking Demonstration, "Chocolate, Chocolate and More Chocolate!" with Tania Mercer, chef, instructor and nutrition advisor.

Mercer will demonstrate how to make grilled shrimp in mole sauce, really raw cacao and coconut chocolate kisses and the ultimate chocolate frozen coffee. After the demonstration take the time to explore the exhibit "The New Age of Chocolate."

This event is free but pre-registration is required. Call 202-225-1116.

### American Legion Sponsors Boys State

The American Legion will sponsor a free week-long summer leadership program called Boys State. This year's program will be held at McDaniel College in

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# Cooperative Effort to Find Many Greenbelt Voices

by Dirk R'kingsley

Calling all Greenbelters, past and present, from all areas of Greenbelt – Transitions Theater, in association with Transitions Narrative Coaching Institute (TNCI), is seeking personal stories and anecdotes from all Greenbelters. These stories will share how their lives changed when they transitioned to life in our town or how Greenbelters rally during times of celebration or sadness.

Transitions Theater's mission statement is dedicated "to simultaneously engage, empower and educate performers and audience members on life transitions through theatrical presentation." How do the two organizations operate in concert? Founder Melissa "Misha" R'kingsley explains, "Transitions Narrative Coaching Institute (TNCI) helps people who are engaged with a life transition. Rooted in the belief that how a person perceives the event, its story, decides whether the individual emerges emotionally stronger or depleted as a result. TNCI works to find the hope, optimism and resiliency within the story. Transitions Theater later collaborates with TNCI by turning these narratives into monologues (changing individual identifiers) and stages them in a performance centered on a specific theme (i.e.: Life in Greenbelt)."

Cooperating sister organizations Transitions Theater and TNCI are the brainchild of R'kingsley, an actor, director, educator and social worker specializing in drama and play therapies. R'kingsley's passion from working with living stage and the Art and Drama Therapy Institute was re-ignited during her recent collaboration with Amethyst Dwyer on Dwyer's acclaimed production of the "Vagina Monologues" at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Seeking to create a collaborative environment, R'kingsley and Dwyer joined forces with Julie Vianello, Brandon Wagner, Dorian Winterfeld and Dirk R'kingsley.

Those wishing to volunteer their stories in Greenbelt Voices

should contact Transitions Theater and TNCI at 240-485-4025 or email [transitionstheater@gmail.com](mailto:transitionstheater@gmail.com). Neither TNCI nor Transitions Theater will receive any monetary compensation for sessions to compose stories with interested individuals for this premiere performance. Greenbelt Voices is slated for public performance in February 2010 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. After production costs, 50 percent of the ticket sales will benefit the Greenbelt Arts Center, 25 percent will benefit Transitions Theater, Inc., and 25 percent will be donated to a local social services charity. Charities wishing to inquire about receiving donations are asked to contact Transitions using the above contact information.

*Dirk R'kingsley is a writer and a member of the Board of Directors for Transitions Theater.*

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A 30-minute children's nature walk will take place on the Azalea Trail, in the Sweetgum area, at 11:30 a.m. At noon National Parks America Tour will salute America's volunteers with a celebration of accomplishments at the Sweetgum picnic area. Light refreshments will be available. The program is

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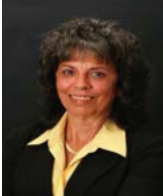
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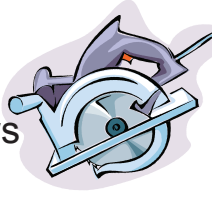
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The late Al Herling seated at the piano at the June 1, 1991, dedication of the new Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church meeting house.

# Choir Concert Will Benefit Its Historic Piano Upkeep

by Jeri Holloway

On Sunday afternoon, June 14 at 4 p.m., the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church choir will present a concert featuring traditional liturgical repertoire, art songs, spirituals and Broadway tunes. The concert benefits the Piano Restoration Fund for repairs and maintenance on the beautiful 1904 Mason & Hamlin 9-foot grand piano that resides in the Meeting House of the church. The piano has provided wonderful music for the church and many area musicians who use it for recital purposes. Because of its age, it is in need of some tender loving care.

## Piano Legend

This fine instrument has a legend of its own and has connections to the Greenbelt Community. The piano is dedicated to the late Robert J. Holloway, who was the music director at Paint Branch Church for 26 years and was a resident of Greenbelt. It was played by the late Albert Herling, an early and prominent Greenbelt citizen at the dedication of the new church building in 1991.

Greenbelt piano technician Michael Travis was on the piano search committee along with Al Herling, Bob Holloway and Jim Weston. That committee helped the church make the decision to purchase this piano for a mere \$10,000 in 1991. Mason & Hamlin pianos were very famous during the early part of the 20th century and are still an American piano company. They were

known to be the favorite piano of Rachmaninoff, Russian composer/pianist and the French composer Maurice Ravel.

During the late 1980s when the “new” Meeting House of Paint Branch Church was under construction, it was Holloway’s dream to have a fine grand piano for the new building. The choir established a fund to purchase a piano for the building honoring Bob at his 20th anniversary as music director in 1988. After that, the choir joined forces to hold dinners with musical entertainment to continue to earn money for the purchase of a piano. The tradition of the choir has always been musical excellence as well as finding ways to support the piano. By the time the building was ready for occupancy, enough funds were available and Holloway was proud that the tradition of the dream of a fine music program in a beautiful space would continue on with a wonderful instrument. The current music director, David Chapman, leads a terrific music program and the arts committee provides a full range of recitals throughout the year.

Plan to attend and hear wonderful choral music in an inspiring setting. A reception will follow the concert. A freewill offering will be accepted at the door. Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. The phone number is 301-937-3666.



The late Bob Holloway is standing in front of Paint Branch's historic piano.

## City Notes

Animal Control responded to a wildlife call for a mother duck hit by a car. Her ducklings were transported to a specialist.

Planning researched pedestrian-activated signal devices for potential use at St. Hugh’s crosswalk, met with a GHI resident who is concerned about city right-of-way that goes through his house and also met with an engineering consultant to discuss potential survey work associated with the GHI right-of-way issue.

Public Works Special Details crew assisted with the water line at Buddy Attick Park for the new restroom facility.

Recreation staff reports that due to wet weather and poor field conditions, the start of the 2009 Coed Adult Kickball League was delayed a week. Games will begin on Thursday, June 4 with seven teams registered for the league. Registrations for the 2009 Men’s Summer Basketball League are coming in and it appears that the league will have enough teams to run. This is encouraging after the 2009 Winter League was cancelled due to low registration.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center reports that after several meetings with M-NCPPC, Campfire USA and Empirian Village staff to review summer programs, a calendar of events has been created. There will be programs for six weeks this summer for ages 3 to 17 at minimal-to-no-cost to Empirian Village residents.

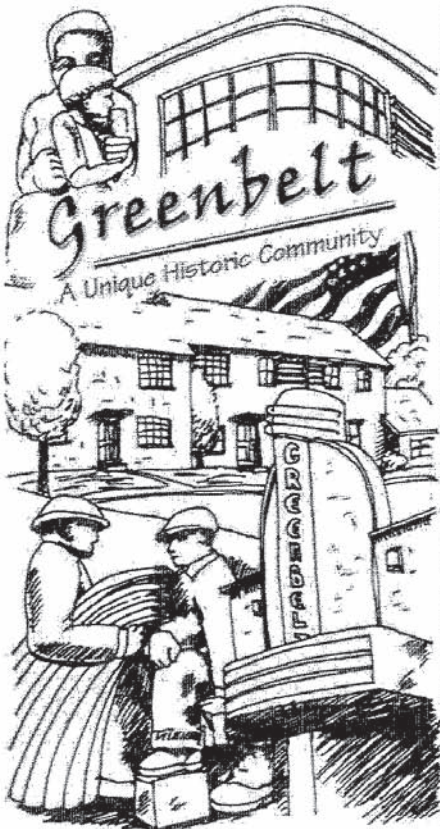


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The Greenbelt U12 girls soccer team finished its successful spring season with a record of five wins and one loss. The team had wins over Marlboro and twice over Beltsville and Oxon Hill #2, with the only loss coming at Oxon Hill #1. Leading scorers were Julia Pedersoli, Jasmine Goggins, Barbara Turnbull, Madison Maragliano, Sophie Dabelko and Jancy Samuel. The team returns to action in the fall. Front row (L-R): Mira Wilson, Clare Alexander, Catherine Peterson, Alexandra Sherman, Sarah McCarthy, Katy York. Standing (L-R): Julia Pedersoli, Sophie Bernheisel, Kathryn Turnbull, Jasmine Goggins, Madison Maragliano, Sofie Dabelko, Mairead Alexander, Yolanda Ford and Barbara Turnbull. Not pictured: Tesi Smith, Jancy Samuel, Marzieh Branyan and Coach John Pedersoli.

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